

CORR Ministries

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Hi Team,

Yes, we are on the road again. For the last few months, we have scheduled surgeries, treatments, and doctor visits in between our prison trips. Thank you, Lord, for the excellent medical care you have blessed us with up here in Central California. The latest were first, the removal of Liz's thyroid gland which was cancerous, the removal of melanoma from my (Bruce) right arm, the negative biopsy of a lump in the right armpit, and finally the removal of that same lump this past week. We are praying for a good report from pathology.

Let's get back in the car and hit the road. Liz is still our sole driver. I have not been allowed to drive since June 29, 2019 due to complications surrounding my hospitalization for the broken leg. Pray for my scheduled EEG on February 13, 2020. I am getting my head examined. Maybe, I can begin driving again.

Our first stop is Avenal State Prison in Avenal, California. We teach a class on Monday nights. We just started a new course entitled, "Resolving Everyday Conflicts". We are serving under the leadership of Prison Fellowship. It has been a privilege being entrusted with this eight-week course. Liz and I are renewed and energized each week, and we thank God for letting us share our lives with the men. I (Bruce) have felt like we are being pushed along by this enormous wind of God's blessing. The men mentioned this past Monday how they wished they had heard these strategies dealing with conflict years and years ago. Some would never have come to prison and some would still have families in their lives. Join us in thanking Steve & Debbie for providing our housing while we are in the Coalinga, CA area. They have welcomed us into their lives, into their church family, and into their refrigerator. They built their house with the purpose of using it for the Lord's work to house people in ministry.



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Our second stop on Tuesday night is Pleasant Valley State Prison in Coalinga, CA. Thank you, Chaplain Long, for your warm hospitality and escorting. We are teaching "Fight the Good Fight of Faith", another excellent course provided through Prison Fellowship for their TUMI college program. Many of these guys have been waiting for this course for over a year. They had already been waiting and then I broke my leg; they had to wait longer. They are an eager bunch of students

who want their lives to be prepared for serving the Lord, whether inside their prison or later on the streets of their communities. We are learning together that God has given us a story with our lives that fits into His eternal story.

Our third stop was a visit to Centinela State Prison in Southern California (Imperial County) to visit Chaplain Gappinger and sit in on some of his religious programming. We had a great time and a very warm welcome by the men. Liz and I have been asked to come there and conduct a class. Pray that we will be able to get there once a month to teach useful Christian life skills in the "Minimum Security" yard. This is a crucial opportunity since the guys in this yard are within two years from being released.



Obviously, we are traveling a lot. Pray for our safety on the freeways, for the finances we need to maintain our personal needs and our travel expenses. Thanks for being on the team. Whether you pray us along or share your finances with us, we need you. Furthermore, we love you and count it an honor to represent you in prison. One day in heaven, we will all be surrounded by our inmate believers, thanking and praising God together.

Financial support should be sent to: MGF, PO Box 1535, Turlock, CA 95381 (Project 89).

With love & prayers,

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